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In re Application of: Guan, S. et al.

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For: METHODS FOR SCREENING  
CATALYSTS IN A PARALLEL  
FIXED BED REACTOR

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

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Please enter this 2<sup>nd</sup> Preliminary Amendment B prior to consideration of the above-referenced application:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following replacement claim 72 for the previously-pending versions of such claim. Also, please add new claims 98-104 as follows. A marked-up version of the replacement claims (showing changes from the previously-pending version thereof), and an indication the new claims is provided in Appendix A.

72. (amended) A method for screening catalysts for a reaction of interest, the method comprising

simultaneously feeding one or more reactants through six or more reaction vessels, each of the six or more vessels comprising an inlet in fluid communication